

Action Note

Meeting:	Garnock Valley Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	22 March 2023 – Upstairs Studio, Geilsland Estate, Geilsland Road, Beith, KA15 1HD
Present:	Councillor John Bell (Chair); Councillor Anthea Dickson Councillor Margaret Johnson; Councillor Donald L. Reid; Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Community Learning & Development, NAC (Lead Officer); James Waite, Beith & District Community Council; Catherine Wigzell, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council; Allan Wright, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Community Council; David Park, Community Representative; Jane Lamont, Community Representative; Sheena Woodside, Dalry Action Group; Christina Pieraccini, Locality Officer, NAC; Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland; Thomas Reaney, Head of Neighbourhood Services, NAC; Donna Anderson, Youth Participation and Democracy Officer, NAC Dionne Griffiths, Project Delivery Officer, NAC Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer, NAC
Apologies:	Councillor Ronnie Stalker, Elaine Young, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Senior Lead Officer) and Garry Tait, Community Development Worker, NAC.

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed everyone to the Garnock Valley Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were noted.	
2.	Action Note and Log The action note from the meeting held on 8 December 2022 was approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of David Park's apologies in the sederunt, and the implementation of decisions confirmed.	
3.	Grants – Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund The Locality Partnership considered one grant report for the Margaret Archibald Bequest Fund. The Locality Partnership agreed to award the following: Margaret Archibald Bequest St Margaret's Church Social Group	£1,100

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	<p>It was noted that (a) regarding any future applications for grant award going forward, there would be an emphasis on poverty and applications would be invited with a particular focus in that particular area and (b) funds should be promoted among the wider community in order to encourage applications around alleviation of poverty.</p>	<p>Angela Morrell</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Memorials and Plaques</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Head of Neighbourhood Services on the proposed options in terms of memorials and plaques.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether there were any additional staffing resource requirements associated with management of the ‘digital remembrance’ option; • issues around vandalism of memorials and the importance of locating memorials in well-lit busier public areas in order to reduce the risk of vandalism; • the successful use of ‘metallic memorial trees’ elsewhere, including a two-dimension style for indoor use, as adopted by Ayrshire Hospice; • issues around a ‘saturation’ of memorial benches in seafront areas and the need to identify and promote other suitable locations; • options for different styles of memorial bench; • the potential to locate a ‘metallic memorial tree’ in each locality, subject to demand; • whether the ‘living memorial trees’ option would relate to specific, identifiable trees, or if the expectation was that it would relate to sponsoring tree planting more generally; • initiatives, such as memorial rocks which were considered to be a good and worthwhile project to be taken forward; and • the possibility of wider consultation/engagement other than through the Locality Partnerships. <p>The Partnership (a) expressed support for the range of memorial options contained within the report; and (b) otherwise noted the report.</p>	<p>Thomas Reaney</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Youth Participation Officer on Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People and the Project Delivery Officer, which linked in with the Locality Partnership’s priority of Enhancing Our Mental Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>The update provided information on various strands of work, including:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mapping of mental health and wellbeing services for young people; • a proposed mural project to allow young people to express themselves and including QR codes linking to support; • the planned launch of an equalities programme to support LGBT+ young people and the recent LGBT Silver Charter Mark submission; • work on becoming a 'My Bank' pilot to promote financial literacy; • the ongoing refresh of the Mental Health Toolkit; • joint work on the 'green agenda' and climate change; • delivery of the 'Your Resilience' and the 'Take Time' initiatives; • the Mental Health Ambassador programme; and • work with partners, including Ayrshire College <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Youth and Education Overview</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Christina Pieraccini on Youth and Education Overview.</p> <p>The update provided information on a number of matters, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a successful and well attended bridging the gap initiative that took place at Garnock Campus for Primary 7 pupils into S1; • highlighting the 3 transition groups running in Beith, Kilbirnie and Dalry, the youth forum, the LGBT group and the partnership with Dalry Comm Sports Club and KA Leisure at Parklives, where approximately 80 young people per week were attending; • the meeting that took place on 27th February 2023 where all 3 working groups were brought together and where it was decided to trial one working group, with project subgroups, for a period of time; and • the good work that was continuing to be undertaken in the Garnock Valley locality with regard to youth engagement and linkages into education in order to foster and bring forward personal development opportunities for young people. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Police Scotland – Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Police Scotland on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland in Irvine.</p> <p>The update highlighted areas including the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recent changes in personnel; • the Scottish Police Authority 'Police Confidence' survey work; • the provision of community safety packs for residents; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ongoing shadowing work with the Council's Environmental Health officers; • involvement in the Ukrainian and Syrian Refugee programme; • a forthcoming Jobs Fair; and • work with the Council's Trading Standards service on issues around the sale of 'vaping' products. <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concerns around access to vaping products by children and young people and difficulties in tackling this given current legislation; • the limited powers that Police had in relation to seizure of prohibited items, and the wider powers that Trading Standards officers had under current legislation; and • the lack of Police attendance at some Community Council meetings in the locality and any reasons for this. <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Locality Plan Progress</p> <p>The Partnership received an update by Christina Pieraccini and from community representatives present, who highlighted feedback from the following sub-groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Around; • Facilities and Amenities; and • Work and the Local Community. <p>As per discussion at the previous meeting, there had been much discussion in the working groups around how to put ideas in to action including how this could be achieved through the auspices of the Super Group, charged with this purpose.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Locality Officer Report</p> <p>Christina Pieraccini made reference to her update, which had been circulated detailing the considerable work in numerous areas which had been undertaken in the locality and invited any questions.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>AOCB</p> <p><u>Dalry to Kilbirnie Cycle Track</u></p> <p>Mr David Park, Community Representative, asked about the progress of the above. It was noted that the delay had been down to ongoing negotiations/discussions on land purchase and a further update would be reported through the Moving Around sub-group, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Angela Morrell</p>

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	<p>Noted.</p> <p><u>Regeneration in the Garnock Valley</u></p> <p>Ms Brenda Reilly, Community Representative, raised the issue of regeneration in the Garnock Valley, with particular regard to shops in high streets and the impact road bypasses and online shopping had in this respect.</p> <p>In this respect, the Partnership requested an update on (a) where investment/money had already been spent, including any information on future plans, and (b) Community Wealth Building (CWB) and how Regeneration support community structures.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><i>Angela Morrell</i></p>
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The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.